



KENTUCKY


DATA AND ANALYSIS
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The Early & Elementary Education Policy team at New America conducted a 50-state scan of the Birth-3rd grade education policy landscape through the lens of literacy. This overview highlights state policies in Kentucky and whether they are in step with New America's policy indicators to help ensure children are on track to read at grade level by the end of third grade.

Educators	Overall Ranking	
	51	 Crawling
Does the state have an early childhood education (ECE) license, bridging pre-K and kindergarten and extending at least to 2nd grade?	No	
Are kindergarten teachers required to have an early childhood education license?	No	
Does state require elementary teacher to have preparation in science of reading?	No	
Does state require child development knowledge for elementary licensed teachers?	No	
Are elementary school teacher candidates required to pass a reading pedagogy test?	No	
Are early childhood education candidates required to pass a reading pedagogy test?	No	
Does state require elementary principals to have preparation in early language and literacy development?	No	
Does state require elementary principals to have preparation in early childhood education?	No	
Are teachers required to be observed at least once every year, regardless of tenure?	No	
Do teacher evaluation systems include multiple measures?	Yes	
Are lead teachers in child care centers required to have more than a high school diploma?	No	
Are directors of child care centers required to have more than high school diploma?	No	
Standards, Assessment, and Data	Overall Ranking	
	5	 Walking
Does state have comprehensive early learning guidelines for pre-K, infants, and toddlers?	Yes	
Does state have K-12 college and career ready standards?	Yes	
Do ELA standards include language/ literacy communication skills and mechanics of reading [K-3]?	Yes	
Do ELA standards require the use of informational text [K-3]?	Yes	
Do early learning standards mention dual language learners [DLLs]?	Yes	

Do K-12 standards include student indicators specific to grade levels for social emotional learning [SEL]?		No
Are developmental screenings part of state child care licensing requirements?		No
Are developmental screenings required in quality rating and improvement system [QRIS]?		No
Does state require multiple-domain pre-K assessments and recommend types of assessments?		Yes
Does state require multiple-domain kindergarten entry assessment [KEA]?		Yes
Is there a statewide common kindergarten entry assessment [KEA]?		Yes
Does state at least recommend K-2 literacy and math assessment?		Yes
How many types of ECE programs can be linked to K-12 data system?		Some
Across how many ECE programs, can states link child-level data?		Some
Does state collect kindergarten entry assessment [KEA] data?		Yes
Does state collect early childhood education [ECE] screening and/ or assessment data?		Yes
Does state collect data on chronic absence?		No
Does state have a quality rating and improvement system [QRIS]?		Yes
In the QRIS, are programs rated on learning environment and teacher-child interactions?		For Some Programs
In the QRIS, are programs rated on use of curriculum?		Yes
In the QRIS, are programs rated on use of child assessment?		No
Equitable Funding	Overall Ranking	
	37	 Crawling
Does state fund at least one pre-K program through the school funding formula according to statute?		No
Does the state provide per-pupil funding of at least \$11,110 [U.S. average]?		No
Does state have a progressive, flat, or regressive funding distribution?		Flat
How does local and state education spending relate to the state's economic productivity?		Some Effort
Is state's reimbursement rate equal to or above the 75th percentile of current market rate in 2013 or 2014?		No
Does state provide reimbursement of child absence days?		Some

Pre-K: Access and Quality	Overall Ranking	
	18	 Toddling
Is there a state-funded pre-K program?		Yes
What percentage of four-year-olds are served in the state?		30%
What percentage of three-year-olds are served in the state?		7.40%
Does the state mandate a maximum child-teacher ratio of 10 to 1 for pre-K?		Yes
Does the state require pre-K dosage of six hours per day / five days per week?		No
Does the state conduct site visits for pre-K?		Yes
Are lead teachers in state-funded pre-K programs required to have a bachelor's degree?		Yes
Are teachers in state-funded pre-K programs required to have a specialization in early childhood education?		Yes
Are assistant teachers required to have at least a child development associate [CDA] credential?		No
Kindergarten: Access and Quality	Overall Ranking	
	26	 Crawling
Does state require districts by statute to offer full-day kindergarten?		No
Does state ban districts from charging tuition for full-day kindergarten?		Yes
Is the minimum length of day for full-day kindergarten equivalent to first grade?		No
Does state require a maximum student-teacher ratio of 18 to 1 for kindergarten?		No
Dual Language Learner Supports	Overall Ranking	
	27	 Toddling
What are the rules around native language instruction?		Various
Is there funding support for dual language and English language learners?		Formula
Do state family engagement laws or regulations reference families that speak a non-English language at home?		No
Are all pre-K programs required to screen for DLLs?		No

Third Grade Reading Laws	Overall Ranking	
	2	 Walking
Does state third grade reading law require annual reading assessments for students in K-3?	Yes	
Does state third grade reading law require intervention before third grade?	Yes	
Does state third grade reading law require assessment before kindergarten?	No	
Does the third grade reading law require parent notification of progress?	Yes	
Does state third reading law require retention?	No	
If retention is required under the law, is the retained student required to have a different teacher in reading?	Not Applicable	
Does state third grade reading law require an opportunity for promotion if student participates in an intervention?	Not Applicable	
Does the third grade reading law allow for exemptions?	Not Applicable	
<div>Overall Birth-Third Grade Ranking</div> <div>40</div> <div> Toddling</div>		